Wm Lloyd Garrison

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Dear Wallcut,

I have been keeping my purpose, & going to Boston tomorrow, steadily in view all the week, & have been trying hard to accomplish it. But the difficulty of getting any hired labour here now, for my garden & other out-door work, has so hindered & hampered me, that I see no other way but to continue here tomorrow, & do as much of the very needful work as I can myself.

But on Monday morning, if I am able, I shall go to Boston at all events. Please keep all letters for me.

I write to ask that you & Mr. Garrison (both of whom will be at the Melodeon on Sunday I suppose) will be a Committee to invite Mr. Collyer to attend some session of our Convention - on Thursday or Friday as most convenient to him - and let us hear his word of counsel & cheer. Please see Mr. G., & confer with him about it, & see if he will aid in this.

Please ask him, too, if he can think of any arrangement by which we can have Mrs. Howe's Battle Hymn of the Republic sung at our Tremont Temple Evening Meetings, as it was sung at Dr. Cheever's Church in New York. Would the Melodeon Choir, or a portion of them, not volunteer to do it?

I think you must have suffered with the heat today. Mercury here, 91° in the shade, — but a good air. The morning I spent in writing to Rich^d D. Webb & others; but from 10 o'clk. to 7½ I was (with a short interval for tea) at work in my garden, & can't hold a very steady pen now.

Ever truly Yrs

Sam^l Gray Ward